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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the Abstract as originally filed and substitute therefor the new Abstract below:

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The present invention provides data processing technology for making two or more processing units cooperate with one another such that output data from respective groups of processing units (GSM) are merged by a respective sub-MG (merger), data from the sub-MGs are merged by a main MG, and the merged output data are displayed on a display unit. Each GSM initiates drawing processing assigned thereto in response to the reception of a drawing enable signal and, after execution of the processing, outputs a drawing end signal. The GSMs to which the drawing enable signal is to be sent, and the GSMs from which the

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